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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment (s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Preliminary Amendment
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Reply to Office Action Dated April 19, 2006

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 for the pendency of this application.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Additional Claims Fee Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.
- c.  Authorized to deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ From Deposit Account 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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